

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant is amending claims 1 and 6, and adding new claims 25-35. As a result claims 1-6 and 25-35 are pending for examination with claims 1 and 6 being independent claims.

Support for the subject matter of amended claims 1 and 6, as well as newly presented claims 25-35 is provided, for example, at paragraphs [0007], [0012]-[0014], and [0038]-[0048] of Applicant's published application (US 2005/0185211 A1) as originally filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,831,752 to Matsuo (hereinafter Matsuo).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection as each of claims 1 and 6 recites a step of "setting a parameter of each respective item of the first plurality of items of the standard user interface data structure to a value that hides the respective item from view of a user." Although Matsuo discloses that the user can select whether items are displayed or not, Matsuo does not set *each* of the plurality to a value that hides the respective item from view. Further, in Matsuo, although items can be hidden from view in the customized screen, they can still be viewed in other screens. This is shown, for example, in Figs. 10 and 13 of Matsuo. Thus, as shown in Fig. 10 and Fig 13 of Matsuo, the user can select any of the items that were hidden in the customized screens by accessing them through other tabs (e.g., in Fig. 10, the tabs labeled page 2 through page 5, and in Fig. 13, the tabs being the same as those in Fig. 7, with the addition of a user defined and customized screen for the first tab; see col. 5, line 66 – col. 6, line 36).

Although Applicant disagrees with the rejection of claims 1-6 for the reasons discussed above, each of independent claims 1 and 6 has been amended to clearly and further patentably distinguish over Matsuo. Specifically, each of claims 1 and 6 has been amended to recite a step of extending a rendering capability of the universal printer driver by associating object type information with a banding bitmap of the universal printer driver, the banding bitmap for use in rendering image information. This aspect of Applicant's invention is described, for example, at paragraphs [0038] through [0048] of Applicant's published application and is not disclosed, taught, or suggested by Matsuo. Accordingly, each of independent claims 1 and 6 patentably

distinguishes over Matsuo and the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Matsuo should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-5 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1 and patentably distinguish over Matsuo for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 2-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Matsuo should be withdrawn.

Each of newly presented claims 25-35 depends either directly or indirectly from one of claims 1 and 6, and therefore patentably distinguishes over Matsuo for at least the same reason as the independent claims from which it respectively depends.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration is respectfully requested. This application should now be in condition for allowance; a notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check or authorization to charge a deposit account submitted herewith, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50/2762.

Respectfully submitted,

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